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Three Outrages

WASHINGTON
 Austrians, Israelis and Americans share causes for shame this week.

Outrage No. 1: Austria sent its Chancellor to Washington to whine about the "shadow" being cast over that country by the decision of the U.S. Government to place President Kurt Waldheim on a watch list of suspected Nazi collaborators.

The emissary from Vienna soon claimed to have the assurance from Mr. Reagan that our action "was not directed against the Austrian Government or its people." He embraced the diplomatic white lie that our insult was directed only against the person whose public life was founded on lies about his hidden past.

The Chancellor is thus kidding himself and his people. Austrian voters, well aware of the revelations of Mr. Waldheim's long-concealed record, chose to stick their thumbs in the eyes of the world. That is why Austria has become a pariah nation.

Austria's head of state is properly shunned by Western democracies, and is welcome only in totalitarian states with long records of anti-Semitism. The citizens of Austria, whose freedom to vote is based solely on American power, are now stuck with the albatross they chose.

Mr. Waldheim places his pride above his patriotism and insists on

pected by blaming everybody and therefore nobody.

"The earth did not move," smirked Prime Minister Shamir. His co-culprit, Shimon Peres, said, "I have nothing to apologize for or regret," adding angrily, "What crime did I commit?" He is secure in asking that question because he has made certain no judicial commission of inquiry will be appointed to find the answer.

If Israelis feel no shame at letting government officials claim not to know of wrongdoing by intelligence services, that is Israel's failure. The U.S. has already convicted the spy caught here. We cannot infuse *tsorefet* with the sense of moral outrage at misconduct that Americans have found to be a democracy's best defense against corruption and tyranny.

Nor does that necessary sense of outrage rise in the U.S. every time it should. **Outrage No. 3:** our own tacit betrayal of Radio Free Europe.

Readers may recall a charge made here six months ago that such a sell-out was in the works by a befuddled American negotiator. During our summit panic at Reykjavik, the Soviet propaganda chief, Aleksandr Yakovlev, offered to stop jamming the Voice of America in return for access to medium-wave facilities within the U.S.; according to unreleased official notes, United States Information Agency Director Charles Wick blurted, "You've got a deal!"

Such a deal, which would benefit the innocuous V.O.A. at the expense of the hard-hitting Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty broadcasts feared by the Soviet propagandists, was hastily denied by Director Wick's army of keepers and sycophants.

This week, in an "act of good will" connected to Director Wick's visit to Moscow tomorrow, Mr. Yakovlev honored his end of the deal: the jamming equipment aimed at V.O.A.'s broadcasts has been redirected at suppressing even more effectively the signals from the Western stations trying to penetrate the Iron Curtain with the truth.

Our détente-struck negotiator called this "a step forward." Principled opposition to this sucker play is muted, because the Heritage Foundation's chief heads the U.S.I.A.'s advisory board and tends not to bite the hand that feeds. (Similarly, the Hoover Institution is co-opted on Iran-contra scandals because its head is chairman of the Intelligence Oversight Board, known at Langley as "the three blind mice"; more on that another time.)

Will public opinion in Austria, Israel and the U.S. force a change in men and measures? Don't hold your breath.

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dragging his country down. But one liar's shame is insignificant; what offends the world is his hate-filled support in Austria. America's studied insult is directed not merely at him, but at all Austrians who defiantly affirm the forgetting of Nazi crimes.

Outrage No. 2: in Israel, the coalition of cover-up that calls itself a unity Government has succeeded in ducking individual responsibility for the decision to use American aid money to hire an American to steal American military secrets.

A Knesset committee investigating the Pollard affair saw its duty and flinched; chairman Abba Eban evaded his duty in a fog of red-faced rhetoric. At the same time, a white-wash board — appointed when jurists from Israel's admirably independent judiciary refused to serve without the power of subpoena — delivered as ex-